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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION  
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AGENCY  
Washington 25, D. C.

Crawler Tractors-3  
Supplement 1

SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM-189

SUBJECT: 2nd Quarter Quotas Crawler-Type Tractors

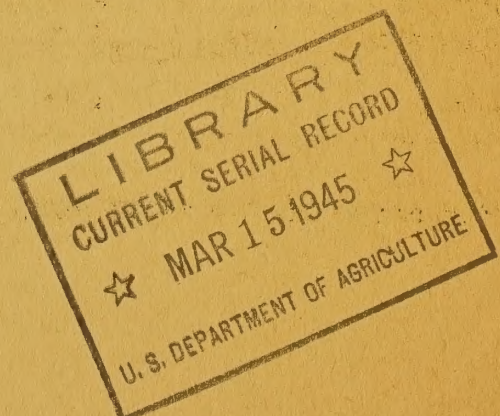
Attached is a tabulation of State quotas on crawler tractors for agricultural use for the 2nd quarter of 1945.

In reviewing applications for crawler tractors for transmittal against quota, the procedure outlined in Special Services Memorandum-162 should be carefully observed. In some cases applications, qualifying in preference groups 2 and 3, have been transmitted against State quotas while applications qualifying in preference group 1 have been transmitted as appeals. Unless the high priority applications are transmitted against State quotas, quotas will not be established for succeeding quarters.

As a general rule, with the exception of applications for gasoline tractors, only applications for crawler tractors for replacement purposes as specified in preference group 1 should be transmitted against the quota. If a State committee finds it necessary to transmit against quota an application for a tractor not required for replacement purposes, justification for such action should accompany the application. Gasoline tractor applications qualifying in preference group 2 or 3 may be transmitted against the quota.

Serial numbers as specified in Special Services Memorandum-162, Part IV, are to be entered in the space labeled "WPB Case No." on the original and three copies of WPB-1319.

Special Services Memorandum-162 provides for applicants' appeals from the decision of the county committee but did not contain a provision whereby applicants could appeal the decision of the State committee. Applications from applicants who wish to appeal the decision of the State committee shall be accepted by the State committee and transmitted to the Regional Director.



(See reverse side for attachment)



March 5, 1945

WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF MATERIALS AND FACILITIES  
Washington 25, D. C.

STATE QUOTA OF TRACKLAYING TRACTORS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE  
SECOND QUARTER, 1945, BY CLASSES

State	I	II	III	IV	V	Vs	Total
Maine						25	25
New York			1	4	12	75	92
New Jersey				1	4	10	15
Pennsylvania				3	9	65	77
Ohio			1	4	5	15	25
Indiana				3	4	10	17
Illinois			1	2	4	10	17
Michigan				2	7	35	44
Minnesota			1	7	4	15	27
Missouri				2	3	10	15
Maryland						20	20
Virginia				1	6	15	22
Florida				3	4	5	12
Oklahoma			1	3			4
Texas			1	4	3		8
North Dakota			1	6	3	5	15
Montana		2	2	5	3		12
Idaho			4	8	15	20	47
Colorado			2	7	13	10	32
Arizona		3	3	4	4	10	24
Utah				4	5	5	14
Washington		1	7	14	16	30	68
Oregon		2	4	11	18	35	70
California	1	6	8	38	55	55	163
Total	1	14	37	136	197	480	865

States not listed above have no definite quota.



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March 7, 1945

Machinery Rationing - 159

SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM - 190

SUBJECT: Farm Machinery Produced for Non-farm Use

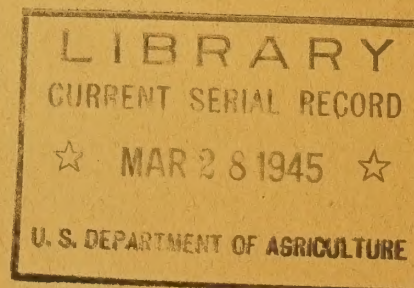
Numerous reports have been received recently regarding availability of non-farm tractors and other equipment in the hands of dealers or distributors which cannot be sold for farm use.

The amount of machinery produced for non-farm use is relatively small as compared to the farm machinery produced for farm use. During the current production year the non-farm quota of farm-type wheel tractors is about 3.7 percent of the total number of farm tractors being produced for domestic use and export and about 5.3 percent of the farm tractors scheduled for sale in this country.

The War Food Administration has no responsibility for the production or distribution of L-257 equipment manufactured for non-farm use. However, if manufacturers find that the number of units scheduled for non-farm use is excessive, they may request authority of the War Production Board to transfer such equipment to their farm quotas with assurance that the War Food Administration would concur in such request.

The manufacturers have been advised of the procedure whereby they may request authority of the War Production Board to transfer non-farm equipment to their farm quotas. However, it is probable that some dealers and distributors are not familiar with this procedure. If definite information is received regarding non-farm equipment in a dealer's or distributor's stock, for which there is no non-farm demand, or which is not in stock as a replacement for an implement sold on an AA-4 rating, please furnish us with the following information:

1. Number of tractors or other implements for which there is no non-farm demand.
2. Make and model of tractors or other implements.
3. Name and address of dealer or distributor having the machinery in stock.
4. Any other information which is deemed pertinent and which can be verified.



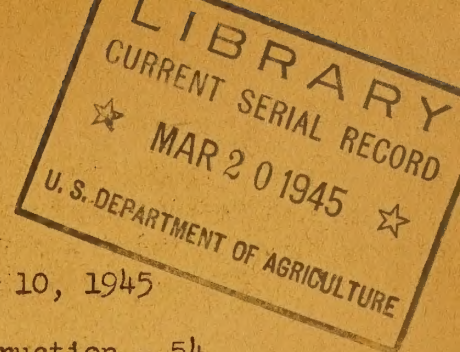






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AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AGENCY  
Washington 25, D. C.



March 10, 1945

SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM - 191

Construction - 54  
Supplement - 4

SUBJECT: Distribution of Copper Wire - Second Quarter Quotas.  
(April, May and June) 1945

STATE COPPER WIRE QUOTAS (pounds of copper)

Northeast Division

Connecticut	1,200
Maine	3,000
Massachusetts	1,200
New Hampshire	900
New Jersey	2,000
New York	64,200
Pennsylvania	36,000
Rhode Island	100
Vermont	6,400
	<u>115,000</u>

East Central Division

Delaware	2,000
Kentucky	14,000
Maryland	5,500
North Carolina	5,400
Tennessee	5,200
Virginia	8,100
West Virginia	2,200
	<u>42,400</u>

Southern Division

Alabama	800
Arkansas	2,300
Florida	1,100
Georgia	900
Louisiana	2,700
Mississippi	1,700
Oklahoma	21,500
South Carolina	400
Texas	18,800
	<u>50,200</u>

Western Division

Arizona	500
California	9,300
Colorado	11,200
Idaho	4,400
Kansas	19,700
Montana	6,800
Nevada	600
New Mexico	1,000
North Dakota	22,800
Oregon	11,700
Utah	1,400
Washington	13,400
Wyoming	3,000
	<u>105,800</u>

North Central Division

Illinois	81,300
Indiana	54,600
Iowa	203,200
Michigan	24,200
Minnesota	122,900
Missouri	63,100
Nebraska	52,000
Ohio	47,200
South Dakota	15,300
Wisconsin	147,800
	<u>811,600</u>

U. S. Total 1,125,000

Report	Period Covered	REPORTS	Forwarding Date
		County to State	State to Washington
First	March 21 - April 10	April 11	April 17
Second	April 11 - May 10	May 11	May 17
Third	May 11 - June 10	June 11	June 17

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## PROCEDURE

Note change under "Reports" in reporting dates. Certificates should not be issued against second quarter quotas after June 10. This change was made so that warehouses would have sufficient time to ship orders, supported by these certificates, by the last day of the quarter.

## FORMS

1. Forms CW-200, CW-201 and CW-204 - no changes from those used during first quarter 1945.
2. CMPL-361, "Copper Wire Allotment Certificate", Revised March 10, 1945, sample shown below. Note changes in quarter designation, allotment number, and supplier's delivery date and wording under "Notice to supplier". Old forms must not be used after March 20, 1945.

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FORM CMPL-361, Revised March 10, 1945

United States of America  
War Production Board  
War Food Administration

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

COPPER WIRE ALLOTMENT CERTIFICATE  
Second Quarter 1945

Name of Farmer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

is hereby assigned allotment number A-3-2Q45 for \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of copper wire. In order to use this allotment number to get copper wire the farmer must turn over this certificate to his supplier. If this certificate is not turned over to the supplier within 10 days of issuance, it is void and must be returned to the County Agricultural Conservation Committee by the farmer.

Issued \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

County Agricultural Conservation Committee

Received \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Supplier \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE TO SUPPLIER

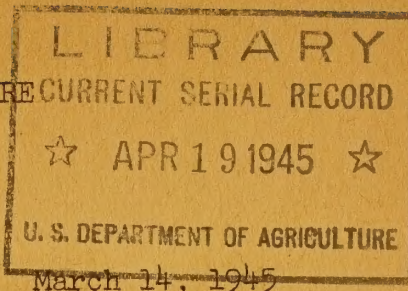
If the supplier is a warehouse, the farmer's order will be an authorized controlled material order. If the supplier is a retailer, the retailer may use this certificate to place an authorized controlled material order with a warehouse or mill and may, if he chooses, combine a number of these certificates received from farmers to place one authorized controlled material order. If the retailer orders from a warehouse, he must place his order in time so that the warehouse can ship not later than June 30, 1945, as warehouses are not permitted to make second quarter allocation shipments after that date. All orders placed in accordance with this paragraph must be marked "CMP allotment symbol A-3: Farmers' authorization under Direction 21 to CMP Reg. 1."

Guide for figuring pounds from lineal feet of copper conductor					
Gauge	:	Ft. per lb.	:	Gauge	:
No. 6	:	12.6	:	No. 12	:
No. 8	:	20.0	:	No. 14	:
No. 10	:	31.9	:		:



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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION  
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AGENCY  
Washington 25, D. C.



SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM - 192

Construction - 55  
Supplement - 3

SUBJECT: Issuance of Farmer's Lumber Certificates  
Second Quarter (April, May and June), 1945

STATE LUMBER QUOTAS  
(In thousands of board feet)

State	AA-2	AA-3	State	AA-2	AA-3
Connecticut	133	906	Arizona	272	1,859
Maine	196	653	California	3,936	20,510
Massachusetts	121	693	Colorado	1,325	4,686
New Hampshire	28	275	Idaho	935	5,266
New Jersey	526	2,209	Kansas	2,656	11,328
New York	1,278	4,056	Montana	1,357	7,101
Pennsylvania	733	3,309	Nevada	35	323
Rhode Island	22	80	New Mexico	144	1,344
Vermont	22	480	North Dakota	3,230	12,551
N. E. Div.	3,059	12,661	Oregon	1,278	6,071
			Utah	531	2,389
Delaware	18	1,601	Washington	1,472	7,107
Kentucky	254	3,875	Wyoming	351	1,667
Maryland	337	1,159	Western Div.	17,522	82,202
North Carolina	2,509	9,884			
Tennessee	147	2,362	Illinois	1,400	17,210
Virginia	690	4,544	Indiana	2,087	6,969
West Virginia	159	515	Iowa	8,779	28,655
E. C. Div.	4,114	23,940	Michigan	1,408	7,557
			Minnesota	4,332	19,004
Alabama	273	3,064	Missouri	2,168	7,426
Arkansas	779	5,802	Nebraska	3,845	12,453
Florida	503	2,057	Ohio	1,388	7,022
Georgia	490	3,490	South Dakota	3,814	11,565
Louisiana	808	4,337	Wisconsin	3,250	9,826
Mississippi	739	4,526	N. C. Div.	32,471	127,687
Oklahoma	151	6,370			
South Carolina	217	4,129	Washington		
Texas	4,395	20,214	Reserve	10,479	25,521
Southern Div.	8,355	53,989			
			U.S. Totals	76,000	326,000

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REPORTS

<u>Monthly Report</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Forwarding Date County to State</u>	<u>Forwarding Date State to Washington</u>
First	April 1 - April 26	April 27, 1945	May 2, 1945
Second	April 27 - May 26	May 27, 1945	June 2, 1945
Third	May 27 - June 30	July 1, 1945	July 7, 1945

FORMS

Use same forms as for First Quarter 1945, as follows:

1. FL-200 - Application for Farmers' Lumber Certificate
2. FL-201 - Farmers' Lumber Certificate
3. FL-202 - County Lumber Distribution Report  
(where county quotas established)
4. FL-203 - State Lumber Distribution Report
5. FL-204 - Lumber Dealers' Report of Small Sales

OPERATING PROCEDURE

1. Procedure outlined in Special Services Memoranda 168 and 183 should be followed.
2. Committees are cautioned to review carefully all applications for "Farmers' Lumber Certificates". Certificates must not be issued for construction which requires WPB approval.
3. Committees must continue to exercise care in the assignment of AA-2 ratings. It should be emphasized that AA-2 ratings must not be assigned for lumber to be used in the maintenance and repair of farmhouses or in farmhouse construction costing less than \$200. For other permitted uses, AA-2 ratings should be assigned only for emergency cases or when it is definitely indicated that AA-3 ratings will not secure the lumber in time to meet the need. Except under very unusual circumstances, the monthly issuance of AA-2 ratings should not exceed about one-third of the State's quarterly AA-2 quota.
4. The AA-3 allocation for second quarter 1945 includes 22 million board feet transferred to WFA for maintenance and repair of farmhouses and for farmhouse construction costing less than \$200. This represents less than 7 percent of the total AA-3 quota and committees should bear this fact in mind when issuing certificates for this purpose.



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March 23, 1945

SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM - 193

Construction - 59

SUBJECT: Farmers' Applications for Cast Iron Bathtubs

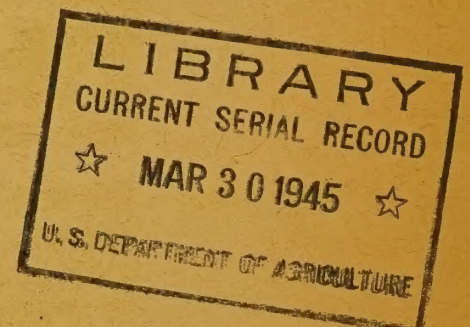
The following instructions apply only to the operation of County Committees relative to the above subject:

1. Farmers must now file Form WPB-1319 to obtain priority ratings for cast iron bathtubs if the cost of the tub, installation materials and labor does not exceed \$200. (If more than \$200 Form WPB-617 must be filed with and processed by County and State Committees.)
2. All Committees now holding WPB-617 applications for cast iron bathtubs should, if the cost of the tub and its installation is less than \$200, return them to the applicants with instructions to apply on Form WPB-1319.
3. Three copies of the WPB-1319 application should be submitted to the County Committee. The original and one carbon copy are to be forwarded directly to the WPB District Office and one copy is to be retained in the County Office file. (Four copies should be prepared if the farmer wishes to retain a copy.)
4. County Committees shall attach to each application a letter recommending approval or denial. In making such recommendations the Committees should bear in mind the following:
  - (a). The production of cast iron bathtubs will be reduced to about 50% of the current rate for the next several months because of the manpower situation. At the same time there is a likelihood that demands for tubs will increase. Since it appears that there will be a scarcity of tubs, only the most deserving cases should be recommended for approval.
  - (b). The WPB is dependent upon Committee recommendations because members of the Committee are generally familiar with the circumstances of each farmer. Without this assistance, it would be necessary to establish rigid criteria which would result in denial for a large number of farm applications.
  - (c). The WPB has established the following general criteria for guidance of field offices in processing these applications:
    - (1). Applications are entitled to consideration when no other bathing facilities are installed.

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- (2). Applications for a second bathtub in a house should be denied except in extreme cases (for example: lingering illnesses requiring separate bathing facilities).
  - (3). Applications for replacements should be denied except in a few rare instances where the old tub is completely worn out or damaged beyond repair. Chipped, pitted, scratched, worn through or discolored enamel does not constitute a worn out or damaged-beyond-repair condition.
5. When requested, Committees should assist farmers in filling out WPB-1319 applications. Questions in Blocks 1 through 11A, 12, 15, 17, 18 and 20 should be answered completely. Do not fill in blocks 13, 14, 16 and 19. In block 3 state the cost of the tub only. In block 6 enter "L-42, Direction 6." In block 7 enter "Plumbing and Heating." In block 12, state also why it is necessary to install a bathtub at this time. In block 20, state the total cost of the labor, tub and other material for the installation. Specific instructions for filling out the other blocks are not believed necessary as the block headings or questions are self-explanatory.
  6. At present, no records need be kept or reports made of the number of such applications recommended for approval or denial. If it becomes necessary to obtain the information at a later date, it could be easily compiled from the letters of recommendation and copies of applications retained in the county office file.





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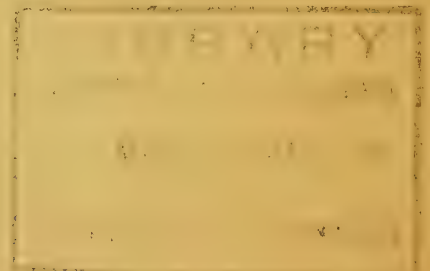
SPECIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM - 194

Transportation - 43  
Amendment 2

SUBJECT: Information to be included in Reports on Conversions  
of Steel-Wheeled Tractors and Farm Implements to Rubber

A copy of Section V, Part A, Revised 7-1-44, pages 13 and 14 of the Transportation Handbook (Special Services Memorandum - 66,) was attached to Special Services Memorandum - 107. The next to the last paragraph on page 14 of the revised Part A is hereby amended to read as follows:

Not later than the 10th of the month, each State Committee shall forward a report to the Regional AAA Director on the cases approved by the Committee during the preceding month. Such report shall cover only the tires which are chargeable against the States quota and shall contain the following information: (1) Month covered by the report; (2) The sizes of tires approved and the number of tires of each size; and (3) The amount of unused quota, if any, to be added to the succeeding month's quota.









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Washington 25, D. C.

March 27, 1945

Special Services Memorandum - 195

Surplus War Property - 5

Subject: OPA Price Ceilings on Materials  
Sold at RFC-AAA Rural Auctions

Supplement - 1

This memorandum supersedes Part 2 of Special Services Memorandum No. 170 issued December 23, 1944.

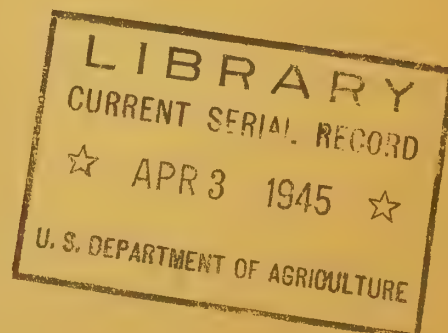
Attached is a copy of a letter dated March 9 from Chester Bowles, Administrator of Office of Price Administration, to the RFC. This letter, which in effect is an order, establishes the method for determining price ceilings on materials sold at rural auction sales conducted by the RFC in cooperation with the AAA.

On certain used articles which are specified, the ceilings will be the same dollar-and-cent retail ceilings established for regular sales of the items. Where no dollars-and-cents ceilings are available, the ceilings will be 80% of acquisition cost or 75% of the recognized retail price for the items in that locality when sold new. On certain new articles the ceilings will be the dollar-and-cent retail ceilings established for regular sales of the items. Where no dollar-and-cent ceilings are available, the ceilings will be the acquisition cost or the listed retail price.

The methods outlined are not applicable to the sale of a single item or group of substantially similar items where the sales price estimated to be obtainable for the single item or the group of similar items exceeds \$1,000.

So that dealers cannot outbid consumers at these auctions on the same price level, the plan specifies that no dealer can bid more than 75% of the ceilings established for consumer buyers. A list of the ceiling prices together with a statement specifying the dealers ceilings must be posted at the site of the auction prior to the beginning of the sale.

Attachment









OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

Washington, D. C.

March 9, 1945

Reconstruction Finance Corporation  
Washington, D. C.

Order No. L 7 Under Supplementary Order 94  
Sales by Government Agencies and Resales by Certain Buyers

Gentlemen:

This is in reference to farm auctions that are being conducted by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or its subsidiaries under the auspices of the War Food Administration. Since at auction sales of this type a large number of items are sold and the amount of the gross sales is relatively small, it would present difficult administrative problems for the Office of Price Administration to determine the ceiling price of each article in advance of the sale. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has requested that the Office of Price Administration establish a method to be employed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in determining ceiling prices for sales at farm auctions. This order provides an effective and feasible procedure for the determination of ceiling prices at such sales. This order replaces the voluntary agreement formerly in effect between the Office of Price Administration and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with respect to such sales.

The maximum prices established herein will be consistent with the purpose of supplementary Order 94 and the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, as amended.

After due consideration of the foregoing and in accordance with section 11 of Supplementary Order 94, It is Ordered:

(a) The maximum prices for sales to consumers at public auctions conducted by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or its subsidiaries under the auspices of the War Food Administration shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this order. The methods outlined herein shall apply only to the sale of a single item of group or items where the sales price estimated to be obtainable for all substantially similar items available for sale at the place of sale does not exceed \$1000. If such estimated sales price exceeds \$1000, this order shall not be applicable. This does not mean that the total amount or value of all the items which may be offered for sale at the public auction is in any way limited.

The maximum prices established under this order shall be as follows:

New Commodities:

(1) OPA ceiling price if the commodity is covered by any of the following regulations which establish retail prices in dollar-and-cents terms:

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2RMPR	13	Douglas fir plywood	(sec. 4.7)
RSR	14	Defluorinated phosphate	
SR	14 U	Radio Receiver Tubes	
MPR	110	Resale of household mechanical refrigerators.	
MPR	111	New Household vacuum cleaners' and attachments.	
MPR	158	Resale of war bicycles	
MPR	170	Standard and substandard anti-freeze of types N. S and C.	
RMPR	186	Western wooden agricultural containers	
MPR	208	Staple work clothing (War models of men's bib over-alls, jackets and dungarees, and boys "30 yard" minimum bib overalls).	
MPR	213	New coil and flat bedsprings	
MPR	229	Rubber footwear	
MPR	234	Approved Stirrup Pumps	
RMPR	236	Special combination conversion grate units	
MPR	254	New small firearms and firearm parts	
MPR	272	Cast-iron boilers and cast-iron radiation (for radiation only)	
MPR	301	Rubber drug sundries	
RMPR	304	Specified utility shirts	
MPR	320	Eastern and central wooden agricultural containers	
RMPR	324	Fence posts (Eastern)	
MPR	381	Stock screen goods	
MPR	399	New ice boxes	
MPR	424	Tight cooperage stock and sawed tight cooperage	
RMPR	506	Maximum prices for staple work gloves	
MPR	536	Western fence posts	
MPR	576	Dry batteries	

(2) If the commodity is not subject to any of the foregoing regulations, acquisition cost or listed retail price.

Used Commodities

(1) OPA ceiling price if the commodity is covered by any of the following regulations which establish retail price in dollar-and-cents terms.

RMPR	117	Used egg cases and used component parts
MPR	139	Used household mechanical refrigerators
RMPR	162	Ceiling prices for the sale and rental of used typewriters.
MPR	294	Used household vacuum cleaners and attachments for used household vacuum cleaners
RMPR	341	Maximum price for used commercial motor vehicles
MPR	372	Used domestic washing machines
MPR	380	Used metal coil and flat bedsprings



RMPR	434	Used Fruit and vegetable containers
MPR	524	Used tight cooperage
MPR	527	Used domestic gas cooking ranges
MPR	528	Recapped tires
MPR	540	Maximum prices for used passenger automobiles
MPR	546	Used and reconditioned plumbing and heating equipment

(1) If the commodity

(2) If the commodity is not subject to any of the foregoing regulations, and is not listed in sub-paragraph (3) herein, 80% of acquisition cost or 75% of the listed retail price for the commodity in new condition.

(3) The ceiling price for the sale of the following items of used farm equipment shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this sub-paragraph (3):

Combines, corn binder, corn pickers, farm and garden tractors, hay balers (motor or tractor operated), hay loaders, manure spreaders, side delivery rakes, tractor mounted mowers, including semi-mounted (power take-off driven) mowers, a combination of any of the items just listed with other items of farm equipment specifically designed for mounting thereon, where the combination is sold as a unit.

If the item is sold within one year after sale new, the maximum price shall be 85% of the "base price." In any other case, the maximum price shall be 70% of the "base price". In the case of a combination sale referred to herein, the maximum price for the combination shall be equal to the sum of the maximum prices of each of the items of farm equipment sold as a part of the combination. These maximum prices shall be determined in the manner just set forth.

The "base price" which must be used in determining maximum prices shall be the first of the following which is available:

(i) The manufacturer's current suggested retail price for the item.

(ii) The last suggested retail price for the item that the manufacturer issued.

(iii) If the item never had a suggested retail price, the base price is the maximum price for which the same or nearest equivalent item would be sold new in the locality, minus carload freight from the plant of the manufacturer of the item.

(b) The maximum price which may be bid or paid by dealers for any commodity except used typewriters, used household vacuum cleaners and used washing machines at public auctions shall be 75% of the applicable maximum price established under paragraph (a). Such maximum price for used typewriters, used household vacuum cleaners and used washing machines shall be the appropriate maximum price established in RMPR 162, MPR 294 and MPR 372 respectively.



Reconstruction Finance Corporation, (Cont.)

(c) Notice of ceiling prices. A list of the ceiling prices determined under this order, together with a statement that dealers who purchase for resale may not bid or pay more than 75% of the listed ceiling prices, except as hereinafter noted, shall be posted at the site of the auction prior to the beginning of the sale but not later than the time the merchandise is open for public inspection. In the case of sales of used typewriters, used household vacuum cleaners and used washing machines, the statement shall specify that dealers who purchase these commodities for resale may not bid or pay more than the appropriate maximum price established by RMPR 162, MPR 294 and MPR 372 respectively. In addition, a copy of the list shall be furnished as soon as reasonably practicable prior to the auction to any Office or Local War Price and Rationing Board of the Office of Price Administration upon its request.

(d) Definitions. (1) "Acquisition cost" means that amount paid by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or its subsidiaries at the time of the purchase.

(2) "Reconstruction Finance Corporation or its subsidiaries" includes Rubber Reserve Company, Metals Reserve Company, Defense Supplies Corporation and Defense Plant Corporation.

(3) "Listed retail price" means the retail maximum price for the same or a closely comparable commodity available for sale in new condition in the region where the auction is held. It may be determined by reference to published catalogs, lists, advertisements, or established maximum prices of retail stores.

(e) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this order, maximum prices for sales at public auction may be determined under existing applicable price regulations.

(f) This order may be revoked or amended by the Office of Price Administration at any time.

A copy of this Order has been filed with the Secretary of the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C., where it is open to inspection by the public.

This order shall become effective 10 days after the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chester Bowles

Chester Bowles  
Administrator

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Supplement 1

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR 1945  
CANNING VEGETABLE PROGRAM

By this supplement additional vegetables are included in the canning vegetable program, and certification of canners of these vegetables is provided under slightly different standards than those set forth in Special Services Memorandum - 185.

The vegetables for canning covered by this supplement are asparagus, lima beans, beets, carrots, pumpkin, squash, spinach, and cabbage for kraut.

In considering canner applications for certification for the above named vegetables under this supplement, the specific paragraphs of Special Services Memorandum - 185 designated below should be changed, only in the case of these minor vegetables, to read as follows:

B. 3. (b) "as to whether size of the proposed pack for 1945 is considered to be consistent with the acreage of designated vegetable which the canner proposes to contract."

C. 3. (third sentence) "Indicate date of receipt; review application and proposed 1945 contract to see that information is complete, that canner's intention to contract is consistent with the size of pack which he proposes; recommend approval  
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D. 2. (b) "Determine whether the acreage which he intends to contract is consistent with his proposed pack."

You will note that in each above instance the effect is to eliminate the need for the State or county committee to use certification as a means of influencing the approximate size of each canner's pack.

Minimum prices at which contracts are to be written by a canner in order to be eligible for certification under this supplement are given in press release dated March 27, 1945, entitled "Grower Prices of Vegetables for Canning in 1945."

In all other respects the procedure for certification in connection with these vegetables is identical with that contained in Special Services Memorandum - 185.



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